

ADULT HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Bureau of Women's Affairs *I Nina'metgot Famalao'an* (Making Women Stronger) Adult High School Completion Scholarship Program is to provide an opportunity for women who were unable to complete their high school education, to either earn their high school diploma or GED® high school equivalency. This milestone will enable them to then seek gainful employment (most employers now require a high school diploma), or further their education through a postsecondary program.

II. SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT AND LIMITATIONS ON AWARDS:

GCC Adult High School Program

Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded to a total of eighteen (18) females who enroll in and complete the GCC Adult High School program by May 9, 2024. A \$500 check will be issued to the graduate by the Bureau of Women's Affairs upon proof of graduation.

GED® (General Education Development) High School Equivalency

Scholarships in the amount of \$500 each will be awarded to a total of eighteen (18) females to enable them to take the GED® high school equivalency test at GCC and pass it by May 11, 2023. The scholarship will pay the \$125 testing fee, plus any re-test fees. BWA will then issue any remaining amount from the scholarship after the GED® fees are paid, to the scholarship recipient in the form of a check.

(Example: GED® test fee \$125 + (2 re-takes at \$11.25 each) \$22.50 = \$147.50, paid to GCC for the recipient to take and pass the test. BWA will then issue the recipient a check for \$352.50 (\$500 - \$147.50)

GCC GED® Fees:

\$125.00 (total for all four content areas)

\$31.25 for each subtest.

Re-test fee is \$11.25 per sub-test or content area for the first two retests. Subsequent retests are \$31.25 per subtest.

(Please note: DOA check-processing may take several weeks following submission of required documents.)

III. ELIGIBILITY:

Any female Guam resident 18 years of age or older who wants/needs to earn her high school diploma or who wants to earn her GED® high school equivalency is eligible to apply.

IV. QUALIFICATIONS & BASIS OF SELECTION:

A. REQUIRED:

1. Applicants must submit a completed application that includes verification of enrollment in the GCC Adult High School Diploma program or registration to take the GED®. (Enrollment/registration verification may be obtained at the GCC Registrar's Office.)
 - a. Adult High School program students must actively attend and complete all Adult High School classes at GCC*, **and earn a high school diploma by May 9, 2024**, or
 - b. GED® registrants must take all required subjects of the General Education Development test (GED®) at GCC and pass **by May 11, 2023**. (Prep courses are available at no cost through GCC.)

**GCC's Adult High School Diploma program is federally funded through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).*

B. RECOMMENDED:

Applicants should show a true desire to complete the GCC Adult High School Program OR take and pass the General Education Development Test (GED®), in order to either secure gainful employment or continue with postsecondary education to earn an associate degree or bachelor's degree. Postsecondary education options can be fully funded through federal financial aid programs available at both GCC and the University of Guam.

C. REVIEW AND INTERVIEW:

A BWA High School Completion Scholarship Review Committee will conduct the initial screening of applications. After a thorough review and assessment of each candidate's information, finalists will be selected. Candidates will be contacted for further information and/or in-person interviews prior to final selection.

D. FINAL SELECTION & AWARD NOTIFICATION:

Scholarship awards will be announced **no later than August 3, 2022.** All selections made by the scholarship committee will be final.

IMPORTANT: While the awardees' names will be announced on August 3, 2022, ***Adult High School Diploma Program scholarship awardees must COMPLETE the Adult High School Program by May 9, 2024, in order to receive the \$500 scholarship.***

GED® scholarship awardees MUST PASS their GED® test by May 11, 2023, in order to receive the remainder of their \$500 scholarship (funding left over after GED® test fees are paid by the scholarship. (Please allow several weeks for check processing to occur.)

V. APPLICATION DETAILS AND DEADLINE:

To be considered, applicants must submit an official application along with all supporting documents listed below to the Bureau of Women's Affairs office at the Office of the Governor at Adelup, or to their village mayor's office. Applications may also be submitted via email to info.bwa@guam.gov.

The official application must be filled in completely and accurately. The complete form consists of:

- Part 1. General Information**
- Part 2. History of Education**
- Part 3. Short Essay**
- Part 4. Certification**

Supporting Documents Checklist:

- Valid government-issued photo ID (i.e. Guam Driver's License, Guam ID, Passport, or a REAL ID)
- Proof of enrollment in GCC Adult High School Diploma program or registration to take the GED® test at GCC.

****An application containing information that is false, misleading or incomplete will be disqualified.***

Applications and supporting documents must be submitted **no later than 5:00 P.M. Friday, May 31, 2022.**

For more information about the *I Nina'metgot Famalao'an* (Making Women Stronger) Adult High School Completion Scholarship Program, please contact the Bureau of Women's Affairs at (671) 475-9162 or (671) 473-3464, or email info.bwa@guam.gov.

APPLICATION

PART 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

Mailing Address: _____
No. / Street / PO Box City State Zip Code

Physical Address: _____
Street Village Zip Code

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____

Marital Status (check one): ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed

Do you have any child(ren) (check one): ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please list the name and age of each child:

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____

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PART 2. HISTORY OF EDUCATION

Name / Location of Last High School Attended: _____

Year of Withdrawal: _____

Highest Grade Level Completed Upon Withdrawal (check one):

☐ FRESHMAN

☐ SOPHOMORE

☐ JUNIOR

☐ SENIOR

Reason for Withdrawing:

Have you attended GCC's Adult Education program(s) in the past? (check one) ☐ YES ☐ NO

If so, what year(s)?

If you are currently enrolled with GCC's Adult Education program, please provide your potential completion date: _____

If you are currently registered to take the GED® test at GCC, please provide scheduled test date:

PART 3. SHORT ESSAY

Describe your future goals, and explain how this scholarship money will help you to reach these goals.

PART 4: CERTIFICATION

I, _____, certify that the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature

Date

END OF APPLICATION

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